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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: PRE-LICENSE END-USE CHECK

ON LICENSE 050132335

REF: 07 BRIDGETOWN 785

- 11. (U) This is an Action Request. See paragraphs 2 4.
- ¶2. (U) The Department's Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (PM/DTCC) requests Post's assistance in conducting a pre-license check on license 050132335 for the export of pistols and revolvers to Barbados. Post is requested to complete this Blue Lantern check within 30 days. Lack of response to a Blue Lantern check will affect pending and future licenses involving parties to this license.
- 13. (SBU) Reason for Request: Previous Blue Lantern response was sufficiently ambiguous (REFTEL) in determining the bona fides of that transaction. The quantity of rifles ordered by Sportsimports in the previous case was refuted by the Royal Barbados Police Force (RBPF) and complete end-user information was not provided on the license application. It remains unclear whether a valid import authorization was obtained from the RBPF in the previous case. The Blue Lantern was closed 'unfavorable' pending the conclusion of an investigation by the RBPF. This request is to establish the bona fides of the current transaction and of the end-user, Sportsimports.
- 14. (SBU) Action Request: Post is requested to establish the bona fides of this transactions by making appropriate inquires to representatives of end-user, Sportsimports, and the Royal Barbados Police Force. Post is also requested to establish Sportsimports as a bona fide recipient of U.S. Munitions List items by making appropriate inquiries with RBPF and other government authorities. In its reply, Post may also comment on any other information pertinent to these transactions such as security of facilities, end-use, and concerns about the entities involved.
- 15. (U) Details of license applications:

DTC Case: 050132335

QUANTITY/COMMODITY:

- 2 S&W .38 Caliber Revolvers, Model 60 Pro SS
- 2 Taurus .38 Caliber Concealed Hammer Ultralite Revolvers
- 12 Taurus .38 Caliber Magnesium Revolvers
- 2 Taurus .38 Caliber Ultralite Revolvers
- 2 Taurus .38 Caliber Revolvers
- 10 Taurus .32 Caliber Revolvers

5 Kahr 9 x 19 9mm Caliber Pistols

5 CZ Rami 9 x 19 9mm Pistols

License Value: USD \$15,050

SELLER:

Valor Corporation 1001 Sawgrass Corporate Parkway Sunrise, Florida 33323

FOREIGN END-USER:

Sportsimports
Hopewell Estate
St. Thomas, Barbados
TEL: (246) 425-4388

PURPOSE:

For commercial resale

16. (U) Submitted in support of the license application were the following documents (PM/DTCC will fax documentation to Posts upon request):

DSP-83 signed by Spencer Hutchinson dated 09/09/2008 and Harry Lopez dated 11/12/2008

Import Authorization Ref. No. 47/08/2 3/45 issued by the Royal Barbados Police Force signed by L. Harewood dated 07/22/2008

Purchase Order from Sportsimports No. 244B signed by Spencer Hutchinson dated 09/19/2008

- 17. (U) Please slug reply for PM/DTCC BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR and include the words "Blue Lantern" and the case number in the subject line. POC is Kyle M. Ballard, Phone: 202-663-1929; Email: BallardKM@state.gov; SIPRNET: BallardKM@state.sgov.gov. The Blue Lantern Guidebook (ref) is available as a PDF file in the Bunche Library's E-Book Collection on the DOS Intranet: http://virtuallibrary.state.gov/BlueLanternGuidebook2006%2520 final .pdf
- $\underline{\ }^{\ }\mathbf{8}$. (U) Department is grateful for Post's assistance in this matter. RICE